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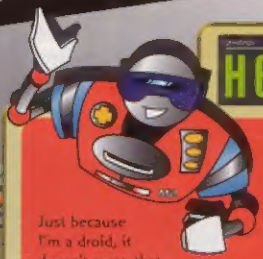


HEY BOOMERS!

Just because I'm a droid, it doesn't mean that my circuits didn't overheat with fury when I saw this issue's FREE Trainer Tags! "Free gift, my foot!", I thought, seeing as I don't have any feet! However, I've since caught sight of the list below, so I'm now a happy droid.

On with the comic and first up on your menu screens, Metallix is *footloose* and on the rampage in **Whatever Happened to Grimer?**

Amy and Tekno continue their mystery tour through time and space in **Future Distractions**, while Tails is being challenged (again) by someone bigger and brawnier in **Bite Back**. Will he hold his ground or merely flee?

Your own **Cool Creatures** artwork is the subject of the **Graphic Zone**, plus the final story from the Classic Sonic archives, shows an early attempt by Doctor Robotnik to turn the citizens of the Emerald Hill Zone into Badnik slaves! Which reminds me, time to return to the grindstone!

Megadroid

FANCY FOOTWEAR - OR IS IT?

OTHER WAYS TO WEAR YOUR TRAINER TAGS!

Hot-foot it through these "Wear it Well" tips for suggestions on alternative ways for how to wear your Trainer Tags. With a little imagination you can be as cool as Sonic himself!

- Thread one or both of the tags through a chain, or leather band and wear it around your **neck**.
- **Wrist** (as above).
- Slip one or both of the tags onto a 'sleeper' hoop and try an **earmark** as an alternative!

Once you've got to grips with these alternative ways to use *STC*'s super swanky FREE gift, you'll be the envy of the classroom!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GRIMER?

NEW COMPLETE STORY

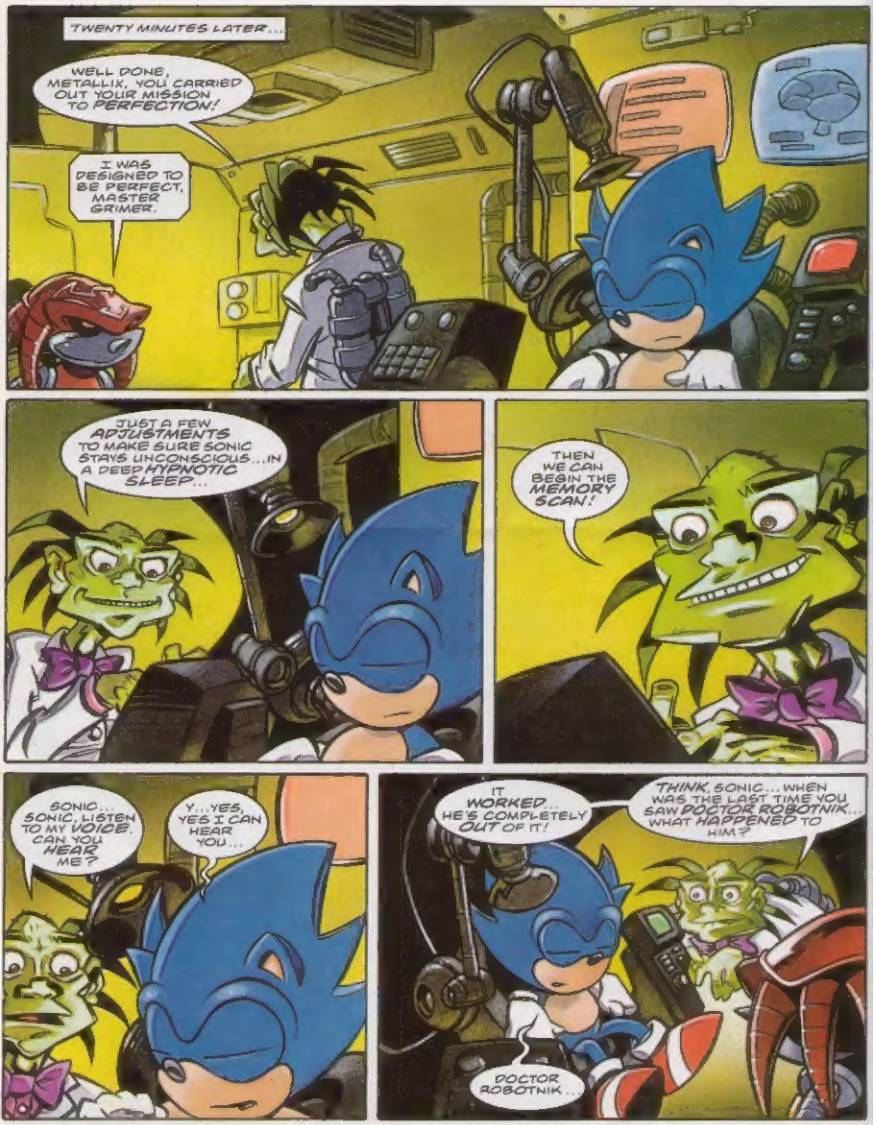
SONIC

Script: NIGEL KITCHING • B & W Art: BOB CORONA

Colour: NIGEL DOBBYN • Letters: ELLIE de'VILLE

THERE'LL BE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHERE OLD TIN-HEAD CAME FROM LATER!
RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM WRECKING THE CITY!
AGGGGH!
WHACK!
SMASH!
OH NO! WE'RE DOOMED.. EVEN SONIC CAN'T DEFEAT METALLIX!
BUDDY, I'M GOING TO PRETEND I NEVER HEARD YOU SAY THAT!
YOU'RE IN BIG TROUBLE, METALLIX...
YOU'VE MADE ME VERY ANGRY!

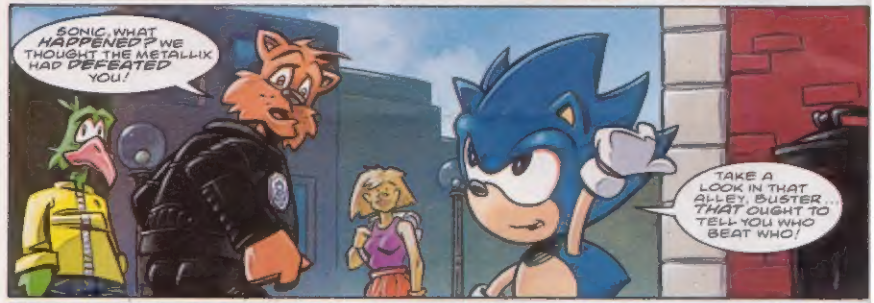
SHURROOOOOM!!!
YOU CANNOT HOPE TO DEFEAT ME, SONIC. I WAS DESIGNED BY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TO BE YOUR SUPERIOR IN EVERY WAY.
WHAKK!
YEAH? WELL I ALREADY BEAT ROBOTNIK AND NOW I'LL DO THE SAME TO YOU!
YOU ARE MISTAKEN...
IT IS I WHO WILL...
FLAKK!
...DEFEAT YOU.
KRAKK!
UGGH!
METALLIX TO BASE...MISSION A COMPLETE SUCCESS. BRINGING IN SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY.

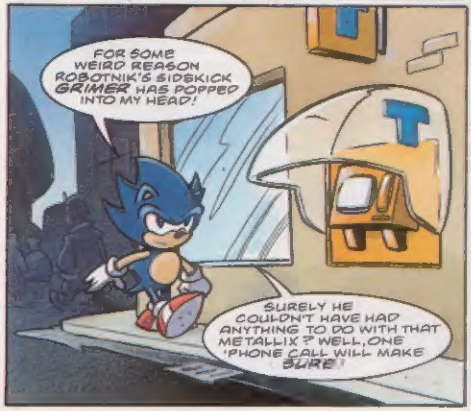

TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
WELL DONE, METALLIX, YOU CARRIED OUT YOUR MISSION TO PERFECTION!
I WAS DESIGNED TO BE PERFECT, MASTER GRIMER.
JUST A FEW ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE SURE SONIC STAYS UNCONSCIOUS...IN A DEEP HYPNOTIC SLEEP...
THEN WE CAN BEGIN THE MEMORY SCAN!
SONIC... SONIC, LISTEN TO MY VOICE. CAN YOU HEAR ME?
Y...YES, YES I CAN HEAR YOU...
IT WORKED... HE'S COMPLETELY OUT OF IT!
THINK, SONIC... WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW DOCTOR ROBOTNIK... WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...

IT WAS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND... ROBOTNIK HAD TURNED HIMSELF INTO SOME KIND OF GOD.
THEN KNUCKLES USED THE GREY EMERALD ON HIM.
HE...HE BEGAN TO SHRINK AS THE GREY EMERALD REMOVED HIS POWER.
IN A FEW MOMENTS HE HAD COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED...
DISAPPEARED...
SO IT WAS THE GREY EMERALD THE CONTROL EMERALD. YOU ASSUMED DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAD BEEN DESTROYED FOR GOOD...I WONDER...
TAKE SONIC BACK TO METROPOLIS CITY. WHEN HE AWAKES HE WON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT BEING HERE!
AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE FAKE METALLIX WRECKAGE!
I OBEY.

LATER ON THE STREETS OF METROPOLIS CITY...
OOOOH... WHAT HIT ME?

THAT LOOKS LIKE THE REMAINS OF THE METALLIX... I GUESS I MUST HAVE WON AFTER ALL...
I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

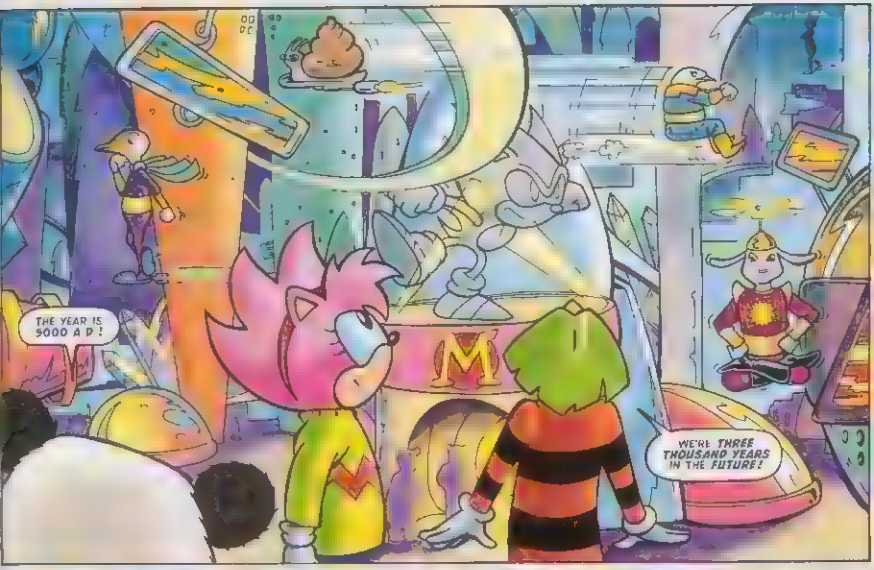

SONIC, WHAT HAPPENED? WE THOUGHT THE METALLIX HAD DEFEATED YOU!
TAKE A LOOK IN THAT ALLEY, BUSTER... THAT OUGHT TO TELL YOU WHO BEAT WHO!


FOR SOME WEIRD REASON ROBOTNIK'S SIDEKICK GRIMER HAS POPPED INTO MY HEAD!
SURELY HE COULDN'T HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT METALLIX? WELL, ONE 'PHONE CALL WILL MAKE SURE!

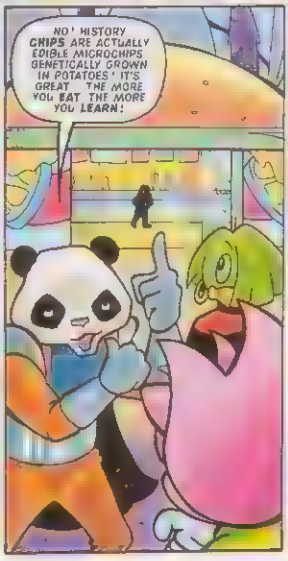
HELLO? IS THAT METROPOLIS CITY HIGH SECURITY PRISON?
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE GOVERNOR PLEASE!

NEXT ISSUE: THE FORGOTTEN BADNIK!

AMY
FUTURE DISTRACTIONS
Script: LEW STRINGER
Art: CHRIS ALLEN & JOHN M BURNS
Lettering: TOM FRAMES
HAVING PASSED THROUGH THE RING OF ETERNITY, AMY AND TEKNO ARE ON A MYSTERY TOUR THROUGH TIME AND SPACE...
HANG ON, TEKNO! WE'RE ABOUT TO MATERIALISE AT OUR NEXT DESTINATION!
YOU'RE RIGHT, AMY! I WONDER WHERE WE ARE THIS TIME?
NO IDEA, BUT WE'D BETTER BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!
AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY! WELCOME!
HUH? YOU'RE EXPECTING US?
OF COURSE! DON'T YOU KNOW YOU'RE HOME? THIS IS PLANET MOBIUS!

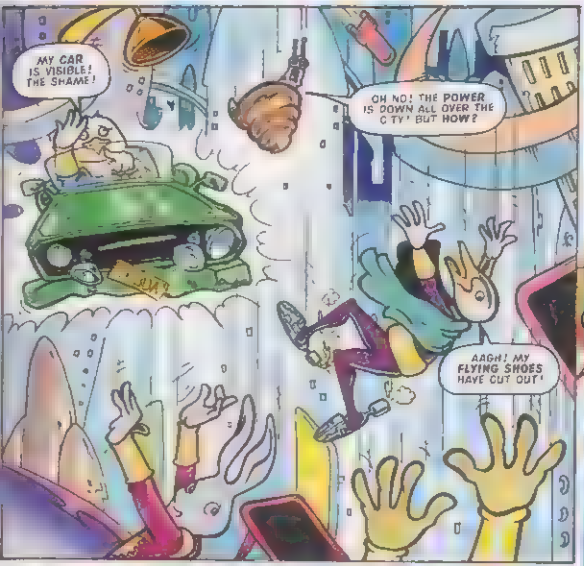

THE YEAR IS 5000 A.D.!
WE'RE THREE THOUSAND YEARS IN THE FUTURE!

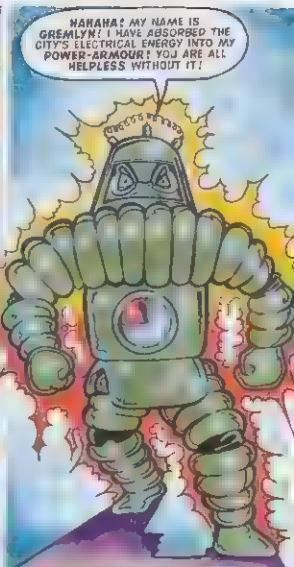
YOUR ADVENTURES ARE TOP SELLERS IN THE HISTORY CHIPS! WE KNEW YOU'D COME BACK AND VISIT US ONE DAY!
HISTORY CHIPS? ARE THEY WHAT YOU RUN ON YOUR COMPUTERS?


NO! HISTORY CHIPS ARE ACTUALLY EDIBLE MICROCHIPS GENETICALLY GROWN IN POTATOES! IT'S GREAT THE MORE YOU EAT THE MORE YOU LEARN!

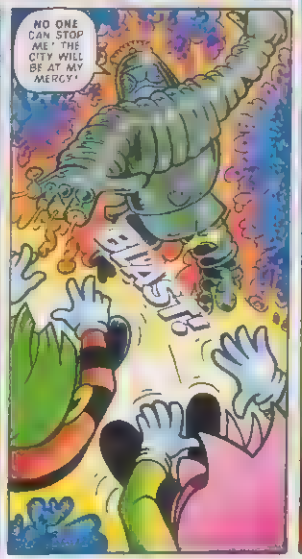
THAT GUY MUST BE AN ABSOLUTE GENIUS!

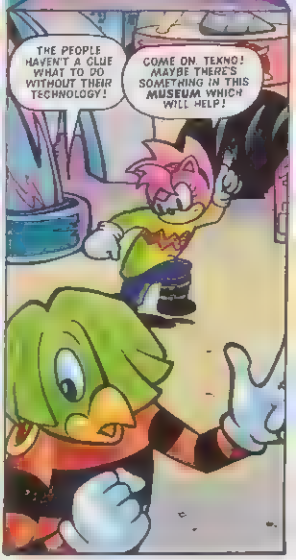
HONK! HONK!
HEY! WATCH OUT! CAN'T YOU SEE MY INVISIBLE CAR?
HOW COULD WE! IT'S TRANSPARENT!
EVERYBODY IN OUR TIME WEARS SPECIAL LENSES SO WE CAN SEE THE CARS! I GUESS YOU PRIMITIVES HAVEN'T INVENTED THEM YET!
HEY! SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT SCHOOL SONNY?
HEH! SCHOOLS CLOSED DOWN CENTURIES AGO! OUR COMPUTERISED SCHOOL CAPS FEED INFORMATION DIRECTLY INTO OUR BRAINS NOW!
DON'T YOU GIRLS KNOW ANYTHING?
THEY'RE RIGHT AMY! I'VE ALWAYS DEPENDED ON MY TECHNICAL SKILLS BUT THEY'RE JUST OUT-DATED HERE!
WELL THE RING OF ETERNITY MUST HAVE SENT US FOR A REASON!
SUDDENLY
THAT FLASH! WHAT'S GOING ON?


MY CAR IS VISIBLE! THE SHAME!
OH NO! THE POWER IS DOWN ALL OVER THE CITY! BUT HOW?
AAGH! MY FLYING SHOES HAVE CUT OUT!


HAHAHA! MY NAME IS GREMLYN! I HAVE ABSORBED THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL ENERGY INTO MY POWER-ARMOUR! YOU ARE ALL HELPLESS WITHOUT IT!

OUR SYSTEMS ARE ALL DOWN! WE'RE RUINED!
HEY! SNAP OUT OF IT! FIGHT BACK AGAINST THIS CREEP.


NO ONE CAN STOP ME! THE CITY WILL BE AT MY MERCY!


THE PEOPLE HAVEN'T A CLUE WHAT TO DO WITHOUT THEIR TECHNOLOGY!
COME ON, TEKNO! MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN THIS MUSEUM WHICH WILL HELP!

PLANET MOBIUS IS MINE! ALL MINE! HAHAHAHA
FLING!
OH SHUT UP!
WHAMM!
WITH GREMLYN DEFEATED, POWER IS RESTORED.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU TWO! I GUESS WE'D ALL BECOME TOO DEPENDENT ON TECHNOLOGY.
YEAH. SORRY WE LAUGHED AT YOU TEKNO
FORGET IT!
LOOK! THEY'RE FADING AWAY TO THEIR NEXT DESTINATION!
WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO WARN THEM OF THE DANGERS AHEAD!
TOO LATE BUT THEY'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!
THE END!
NEXT ISSUE: TERROR FIRMA!

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COOL CREATURES

KEEP ON THE WATCH FOR THAT ALL IMPORTANT POST DELIVERY, AS EACH ARTIST-HUME WHO GETS THEIR WORK PRINTED IN SONIC THE COMIC (*STC*) WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL SONIC THE HEDGEHOG DIGITAL WATCH.

Catch the Sonic bug!

Iain Virgo,
Reading, Berks.
[illegible]

Tekno Bird of Paradise!

Please send in name and address. Sonic Digital Watch Winner

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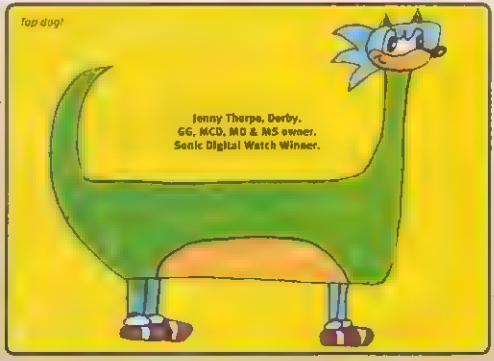

Jenny Thorpe, Derby.
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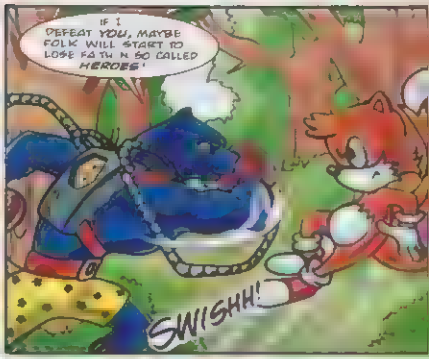
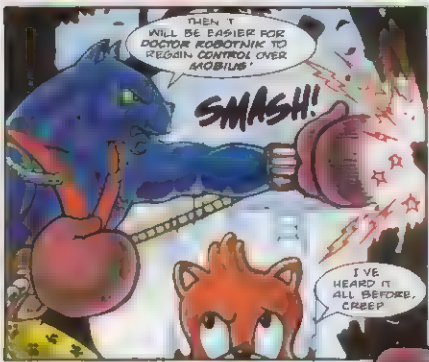
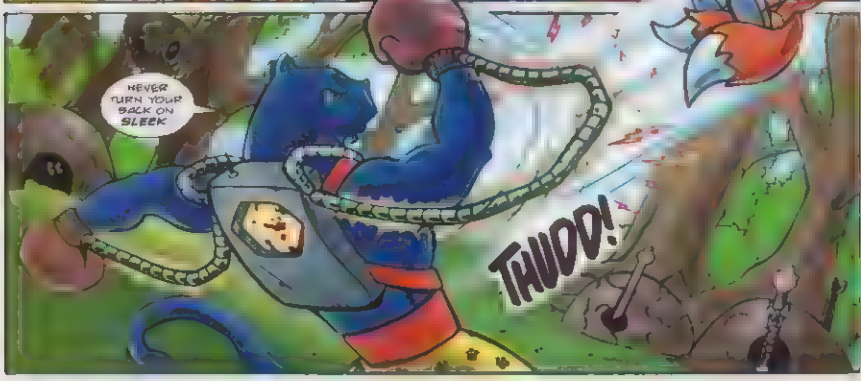
EVEN THOUGH HE NO LONGER RULES PLANET MOBIUS THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK STILL COMMANDS RESPECT FROM CERTAIN TYPES. THE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK APPRECIATION TRIBE IN PARTICULAR
MOST D.R.A.T. MEMBERS ARE WEAK INDIVIDUALS WHO FOLLOW ROBOTNIK OUT OF FEAR, AND ARE NO THREAT TO SOCIETY
SOME HOWEVER ARE FAR MORE DEADLY!
tails
NEW COMPLETE STORY
BITE BACK
CASE IN POINT SLEEK, THE PANTHER!
THIS IS A MESSAGE FOR TAILS THE FOX! LET HIM CHALLENGE ME IF HE DARES!

HEY, KEEP THE NOISE DOWN. WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
I SIMPLY WANT TO PROVE A POINT, TAILS!


IF I DEFEAT YOU, MAYBE FOLK WILL START TO LOSE FAITH IN SO CALLED HEROES!
SWISHH!


THEN, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TO REGAIN CONTROL OVER MOBIUS!
SMASH!
I'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE, CREEP

I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET YOU BEAT M-TCH, MY TAILS TCH!


NEVER TURN YOUR BACK ON SLEEK
THUDD!

SEE THAT? THAT PANTHER BEAT TAILS EASILY!
MAYBE HE'S NOT ALL HE'S CRACKED UP TO BE
BETTER BELIEVE IT, FOLKS
IF YOU WANT A WINNER, RESPECT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
TAILS MUST BE WONDERING WHAT HIT HIM
ACTUALLY I WAS WONDERING WHAT BIT ME
SLEEK WOULDN'T HAVE WON IF I HADN'T BEEN DISTRACTED BY FLEAS! I'VE GOT FLEAS!
DON'T SOUND SO DISGUSTED PAL! US FLEAS HAVE FEELINGS TOO YOU KNOW
THAT'S WHY WE BUGGED YOU. WE WANT EQUAL RIGHTS FOR INSECTS!

JUST BECAUSE US INSECTS ARE SMALLER THAN OUR RELATIVES IN THE SPECIAL ZONE, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN IGNORE US!
RIGHT ON! WE'RE SICK OF BEING DOWNTRODDEN ...AND TRODDEN DOWN ON!

ANT'S RIGHT! WE SHOULDN'T BE SWATTED ASIDE LIKE GNATS!
ER... BUT YOU ARE A GNAT! MAYBE FOLK WOULD RESPOND BETTER TO YOU IF YOU HELPED THE COMMUNITY!

HAH! LOOK AT THE HERO—TALKING TO INSECTS! PATHETIC!
UH-OH!

SWINNG!
READY FOR ROUND TWO, FOX!
NOT REALLY, BUT BOMBONE'S GOT TO SORT YOU OUT!

IT WON'T BE. YOU! I'VE TRAINED DAY AND NIGHT FOR THIS FOR MONTHS!
BOP!
HEARD THE PHRASE "GET A LIFE" BEFORE?

NEXT ISSUE: TAILS IN RAT RACE!

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ROBOTNIK'S ORIGIN

Dear Megadroid,

I would like to ask about Doctor Kintobor, or as he's more commonly known, Doctor Robotnik. Anyway, I want to know how he got to live on Planet Mobius? Was he born there or did he arrive one day from earth? I've been wondering about this because he seems to be the only human being on the planet.

John McMurray,
Perth, Scotland.
Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

Good question, John. He may be the only human on Mobius, OR he may be an explorer who discovered Mobius, liked it and stayed - OR he could be a native of some kind! We'll only know for sure in a future story, scheduled to give the lowdown on the bad Doctor!

Autumnal Sonic!
Derry Ainsworth, Bournemouth, Dorset. Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

Yam Saiki, c/o Mr & Mrs Oberon, Grand Charmont, France. Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

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Dear Megadroid,

I think it's amazing how such a good comic as STC can be made in such a fowl stinking cesspit as London!

Britta Jarvis,
Camberley, Surrey.
Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

You should see the planet where I come from, Britta!

Send your e-mail messages to:
stc@egmont.co.uk
Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

SONIC 3 QUERY

Dear Megadroid,

I have a Sega Mega Drive and I have got stuck on the *Sonic 3* game. I desperately need to know how to get Sonic past the red shaft in the Carnival Night Zone. I keep on jumping on it, but it just springs back into place again. Can you help?

Jenny Savage,
Gillingham, Kent.
Sonic Mystery Prize Winner.

Your troubles are over Jenny! The answer comes your way courtesy of Sega...

Carnival Night Zone - Act 2

To move the suspended red and white drum towards the end of this stage, use momentum by pushing up and down on the directional pad when the drum is moving in those directions. The drum will gradually gain momentum and Sonic will have enough room to move off the drum either side to the level below.

Level Select

- *When you hear 'SEGA' - just as Sonic starts to come on screen, quickly press UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, UP, UP, UP, UP.*
- *Now hear a chime (very tricky!).*
- *When you reach the screen with one player and competition is highlighted, press down.*

Level Construction

- *Select cheat.*
- *Play sound 2, 4, 5, 6.*
- *Hear a 'Chaos Emerald' noise.*
- *Start game, collect 50 rings, perform a double jump and you're Super Sonic!*

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